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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Minor Variance

You are receiving this notice because you are either:

- Assessed owner of a property located within 60 metres of the subject property
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APPLICATION NO.: HM/A-20:237

APPLICANTS: Bousfields Inc., on behalf of the owner Leggat Investments Ltd.

SUBJECT PROPERTY: Municipal address 191 King St. W. & 22 Bay St. S., Hamilton

ZONING BY-LAW: Zoning By-law 05-200, as Amended by By-law 18-114

ZONING: "D2" (Downtown Mixed Use – Pedestrian Focus) district

PROPOSAL: To permit the construction of a 30-storey tower above 2 to 9 storey podium multiple dwelling with accessory Mc Master University Graduate Students Residence and the future development of 22 Bay Street South notwithstanding that;

- 1. Notwithstanding the definition of "Lot" in Section 3 and the consolidated lot regulation in 4.16 a), the lands located at 191 King Street West and 22 Bay Street South will be deemed a lot and the internal lot lines shall not be construed to be lot lines for the purpose of any zoning regulations provided that all applicable regulations of By-Law 05-200 to the consolidated lot development and its external lot lines are complied with; and
- 2. To permit a 9.1 m building setback from a street line to be permitted whereas the By-Law requires that a building setback from a street line be a maximum of 2.0 m for any portion of a building below 11.0 m in height, except where a visibility triangle shall be provided for a driveway access; and
- 3. That no principle entrance shall be provided within the ground floor building façade setback the least distance from a street, whereas a minimum of one principle entrance shall be provided within the ground floor building façade setback the least distance from a street is required; and
- 4. A minimum 9.0 m setback from the side yard lot line be permitted for the south tower along the side yard abutting 10 George Street, whereas the By-Law requires for any portion of building exceeding 44.0 m in height be a minimum of 12.5 m from all side and rear lot lines; and
- 5. A 20.0 m tower separation distance be provided between the towers on the subject site, whereas the By-Law requires for any portion of building exceeding 44.0 m in height a distance of 25.0 m shall be provided between exterior wall on the same property; and
- 6. A 3.575 m ground floor storey height and a 2.8 m 3rd storey height be permitted, whereas the ground floor storey shall be no less than 3.6 m in height and no greater than 4.5 m in height and that the second and third storeys shall each be no less than 3.0 m in height and no greater than 4.0 m in height; and
- 7. Where a column is located abutting or within any parking space within an above ground or underground parking structure, the minimum clearance shall be 50mm,

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whereas the By-Law requires that where a wall, column, or any other obstruction is located abutting or within any parking structure, the minimum width of a parking space shall be increased by 0.3 m; and

Notes:

Variances have been written exactly as requested by the applicant. This property is subject to Site Plan Control application DA-20-058; to date, no formal re-circulation has been submitted by the applicant and a full zoning review has not been conducted for the proposed development. Further variances may be required at such time that a formal zoning review is conducted on the proposed development.

This application will be heard by the Committee as shown below:

DATE: Thursday, December 3rd, 2020

TIME: 2:55 p.m.

PLACE: Via video link or call in (see attached sheet for

details)

To be streamed at www.hamilton.ca/committeeofadjustment

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Written: If you would like to submit written comments to the Committee of Adjustment you may do so via email or hardcopy. Please see attached page for complete instructions, including deadlines for submitting to be seen by the Committee.

Orally: If you would like to speak to this item at the hearing you may do so via video link or by calling in. Please see attached page for complete instructions, including deadlines for registering to participate.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on this matter, including access to drawings illustrating this request:

- Visit <u>www.hamilton.ca/committeeofadjustment</u>
- Call 905-546-CITY (2489) or 905-546-2424 extension 4221, 4130, or 3935
- Email Committee of Adjustment staff at cofa@hamilton.ca

DATED: November 17th, 2020.

Jamila Sheffield, Secretary-Treasurer Committee of Adjustment

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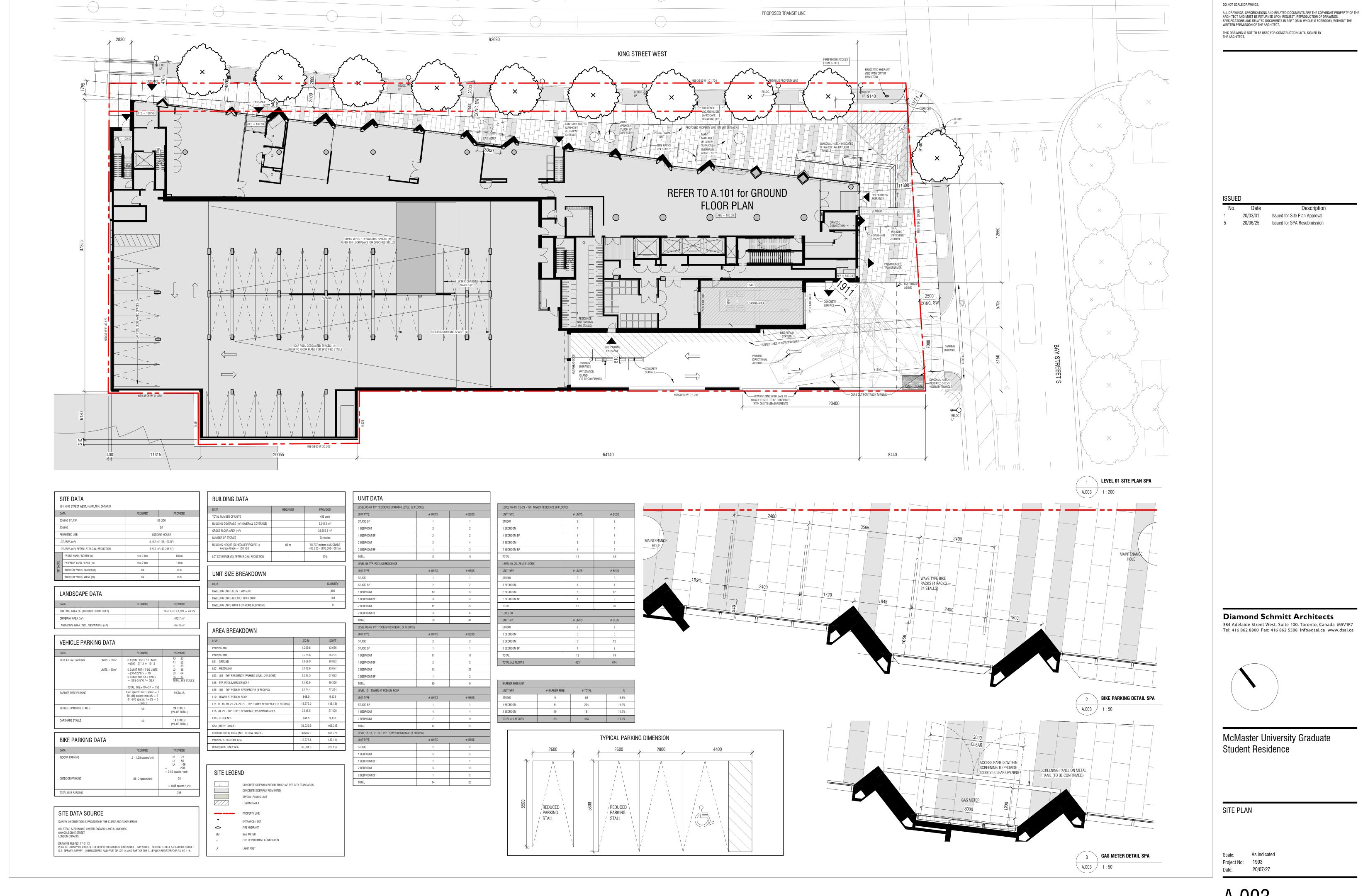
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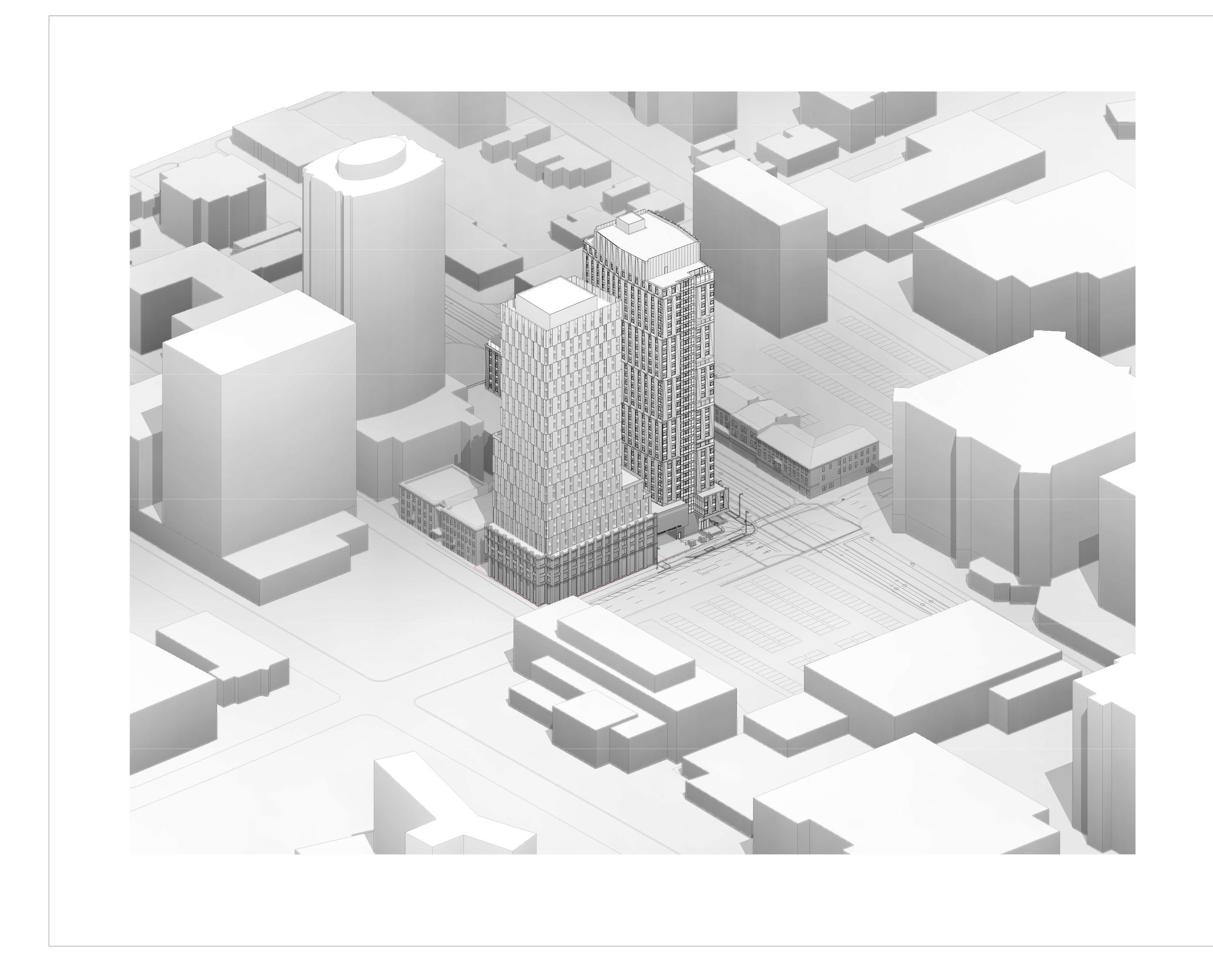
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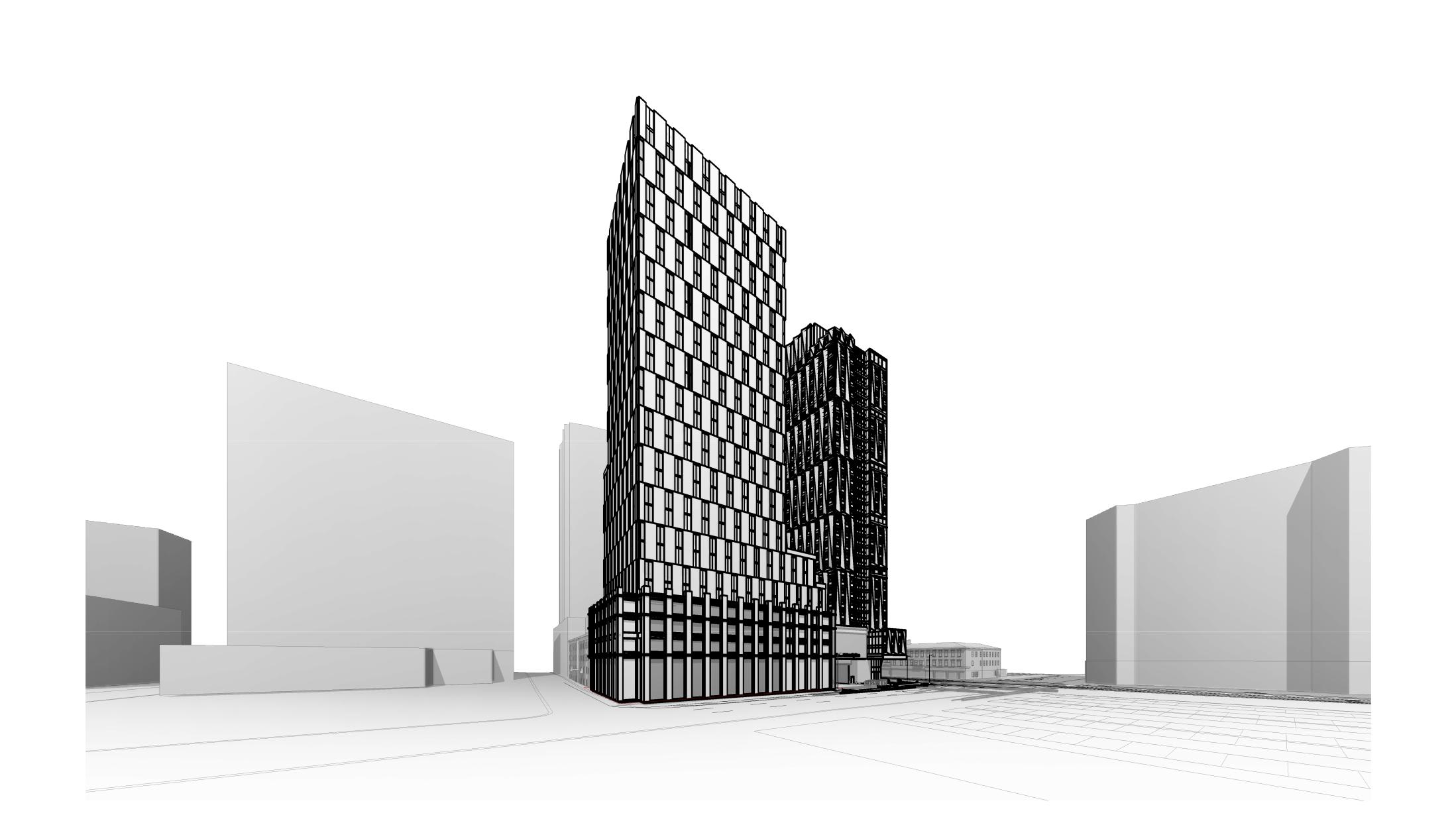
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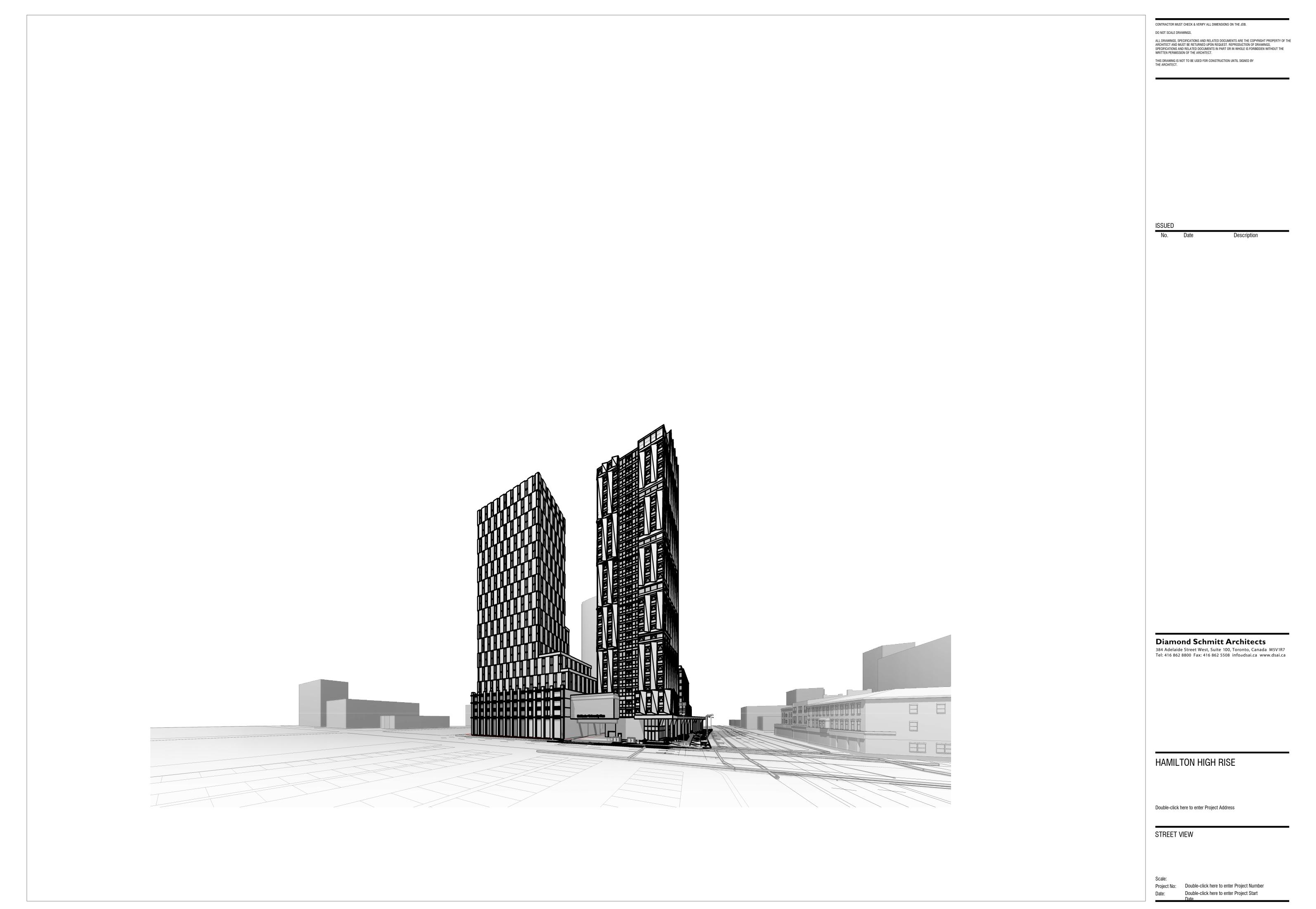
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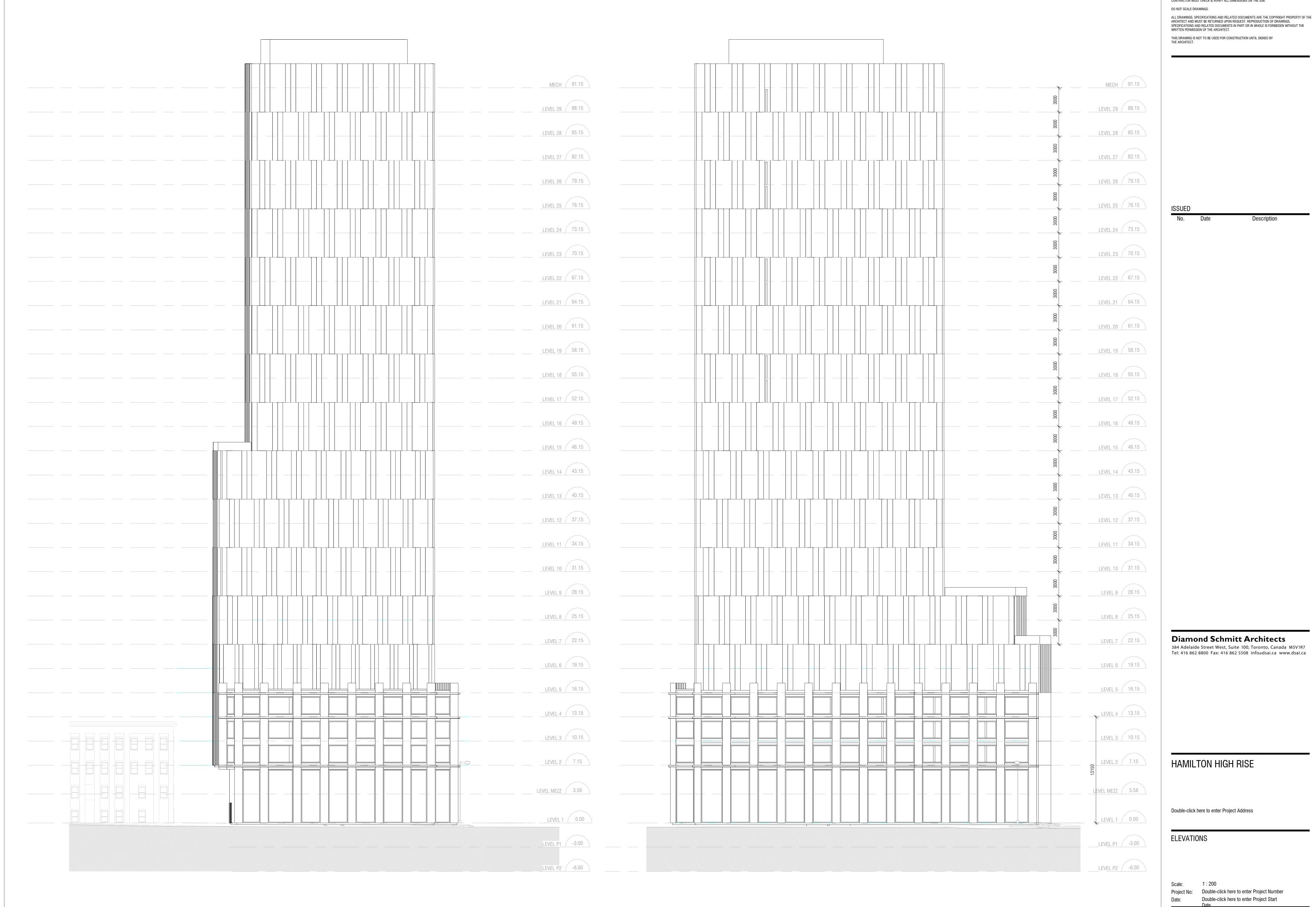
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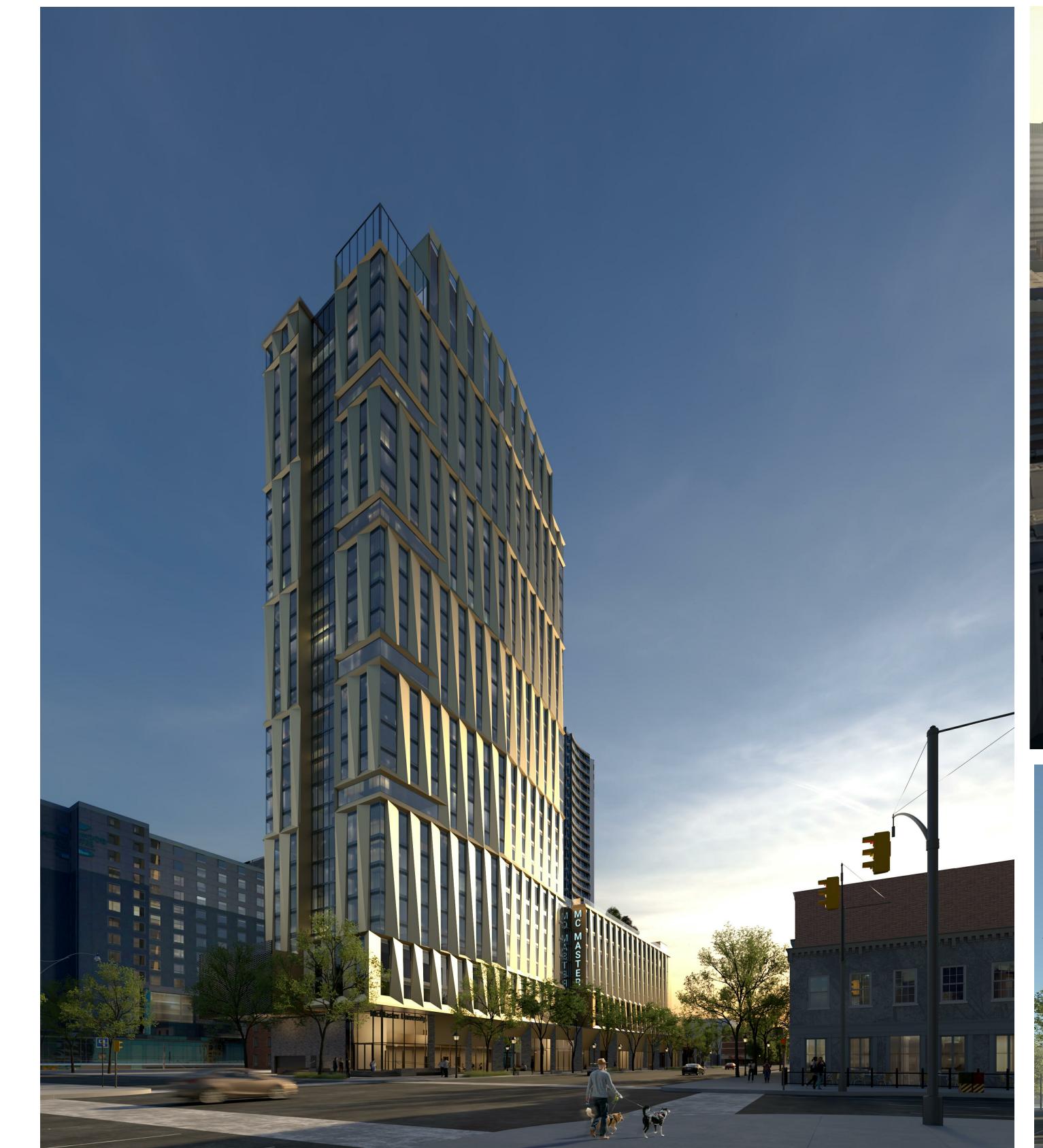
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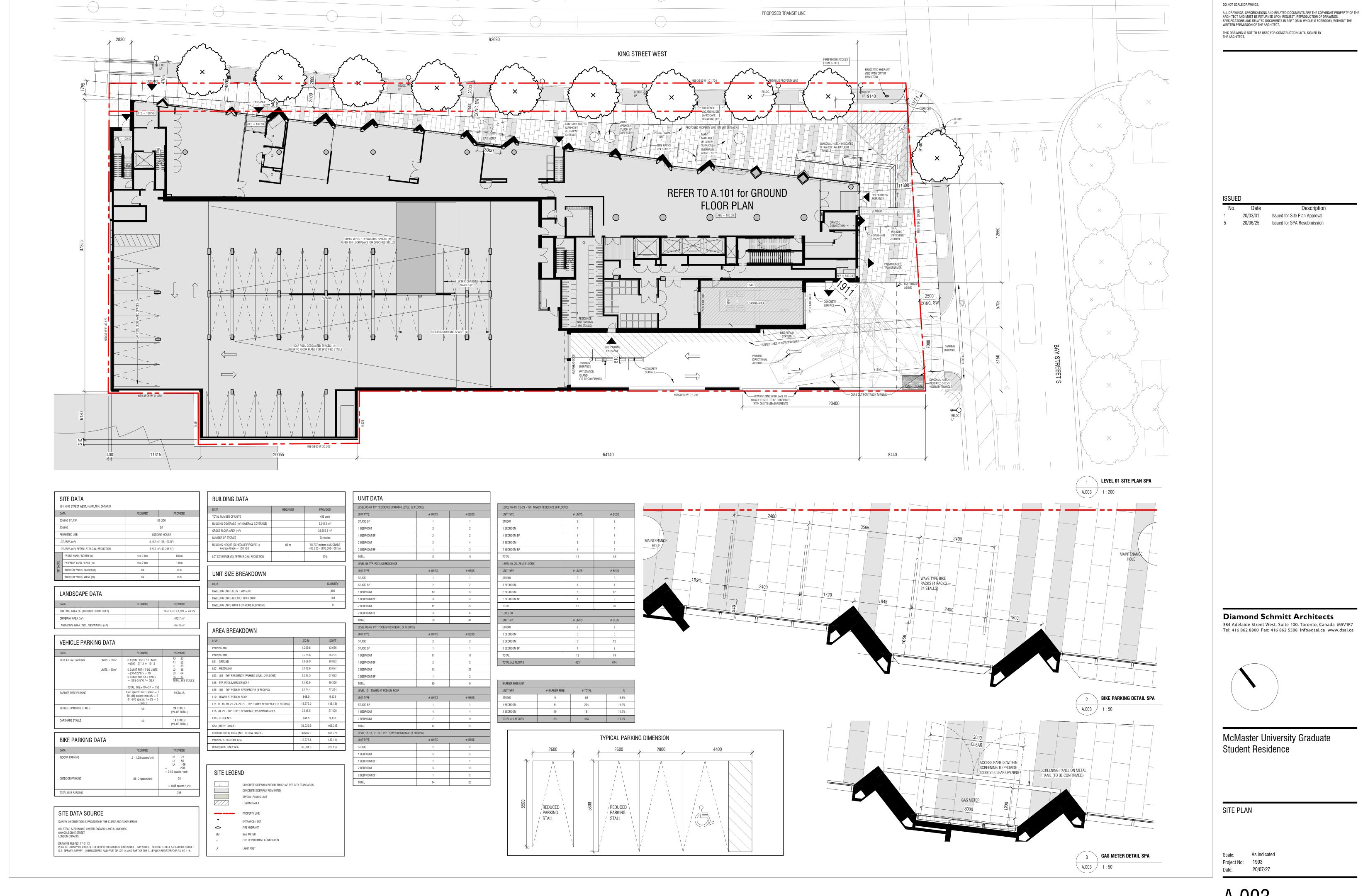
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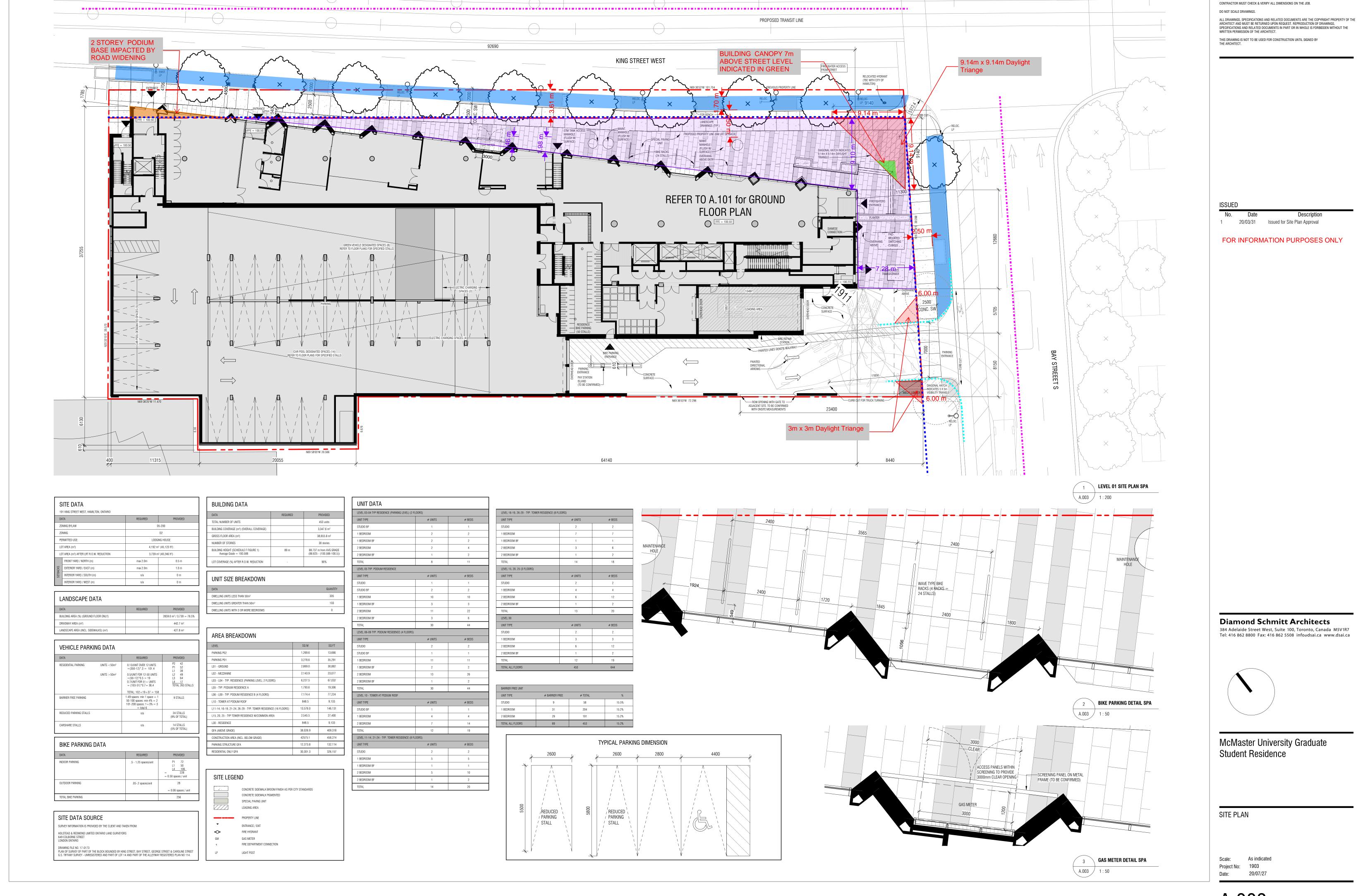
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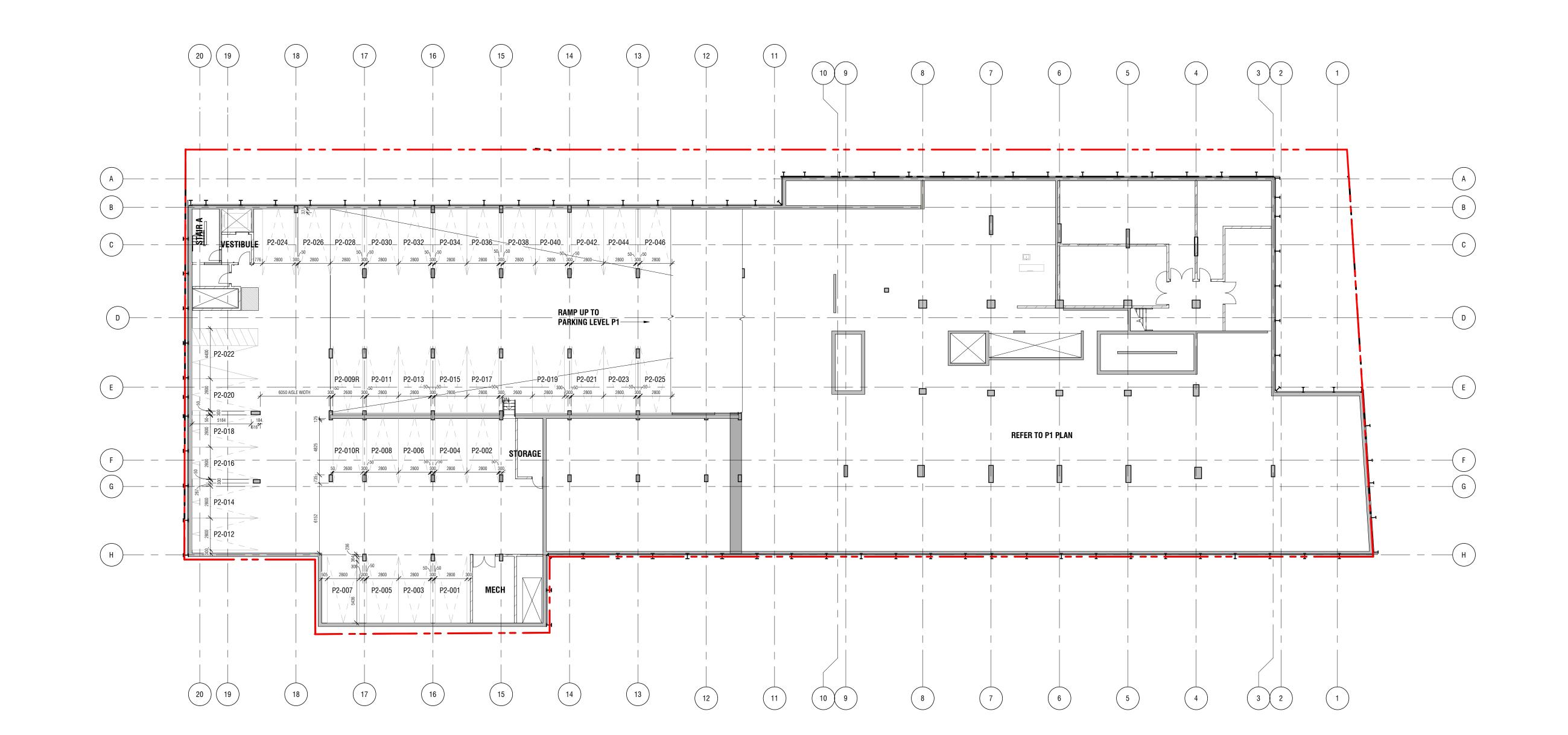
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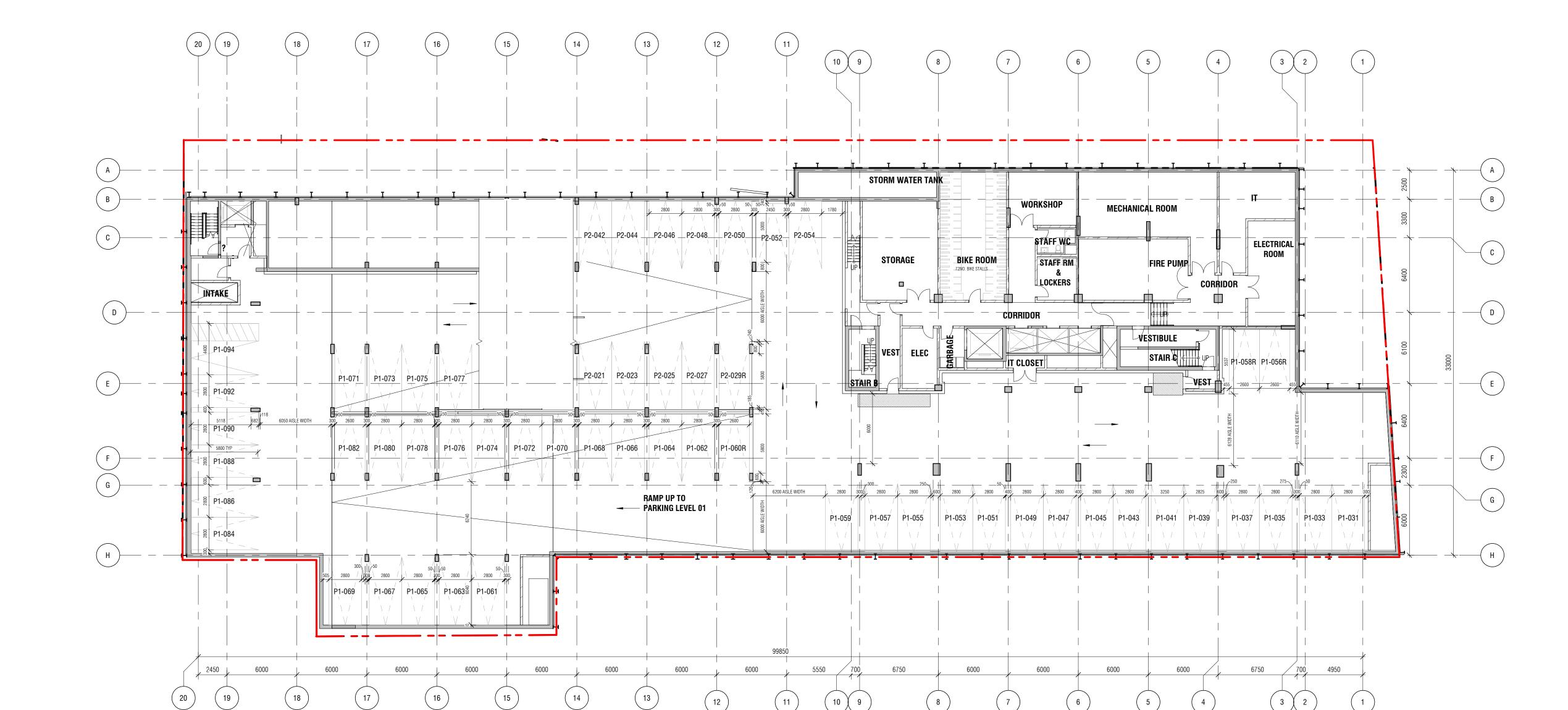
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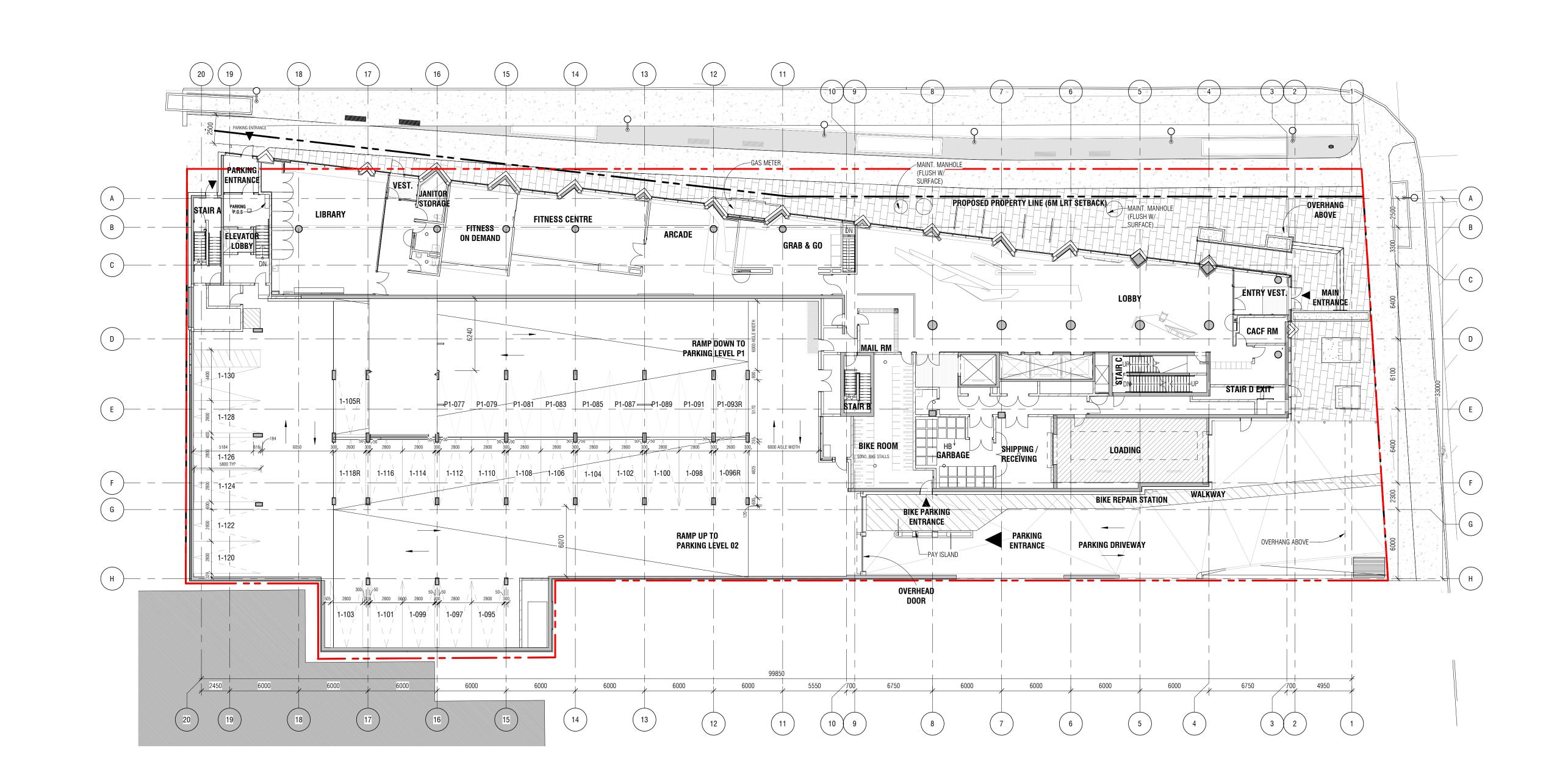
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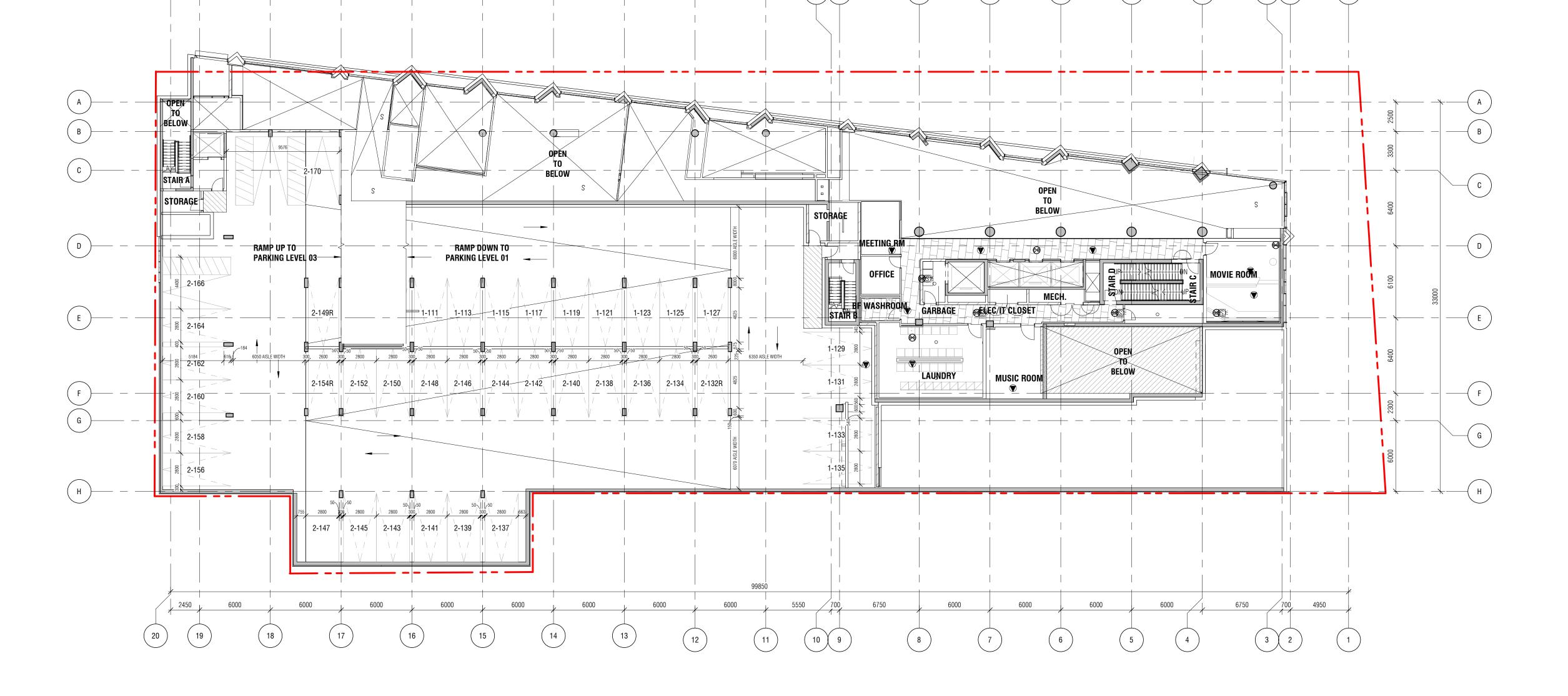
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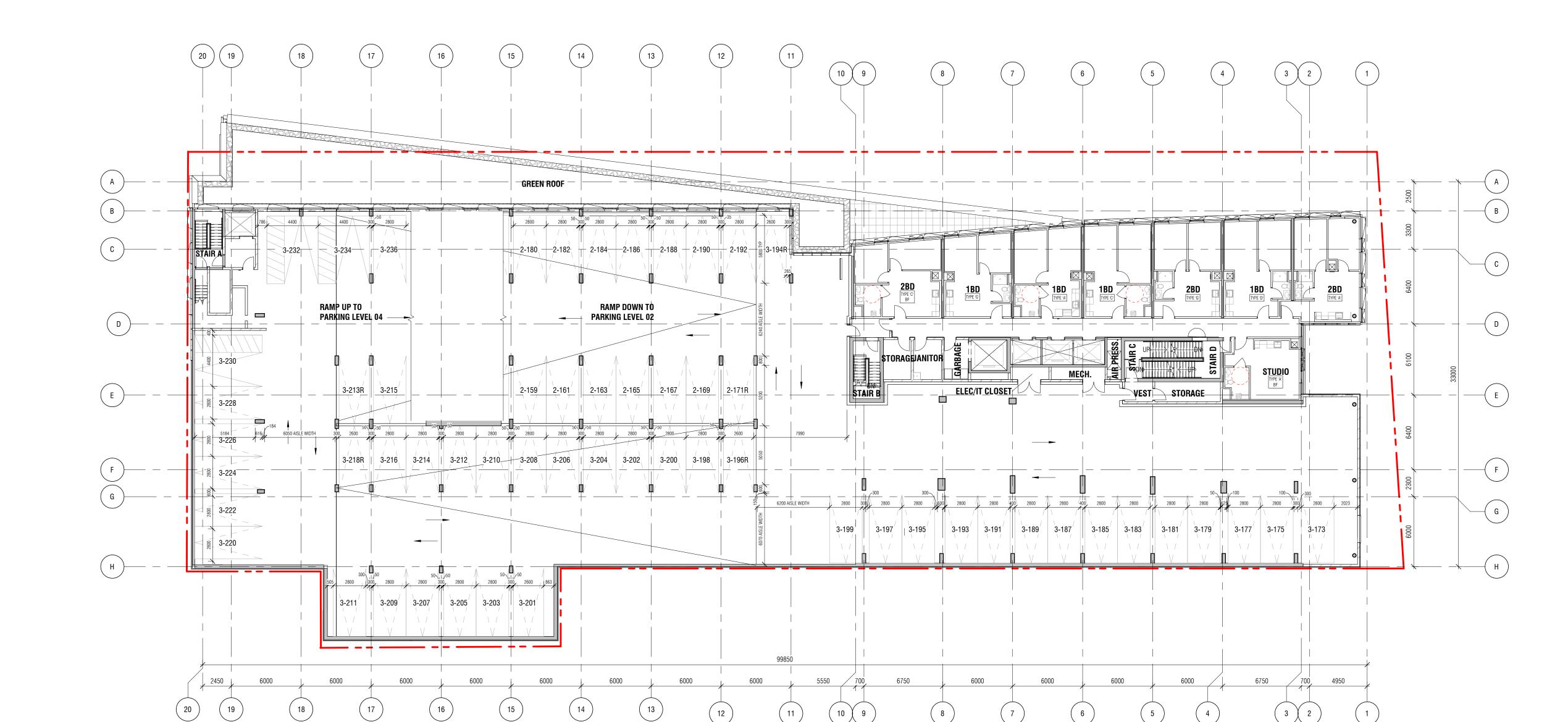
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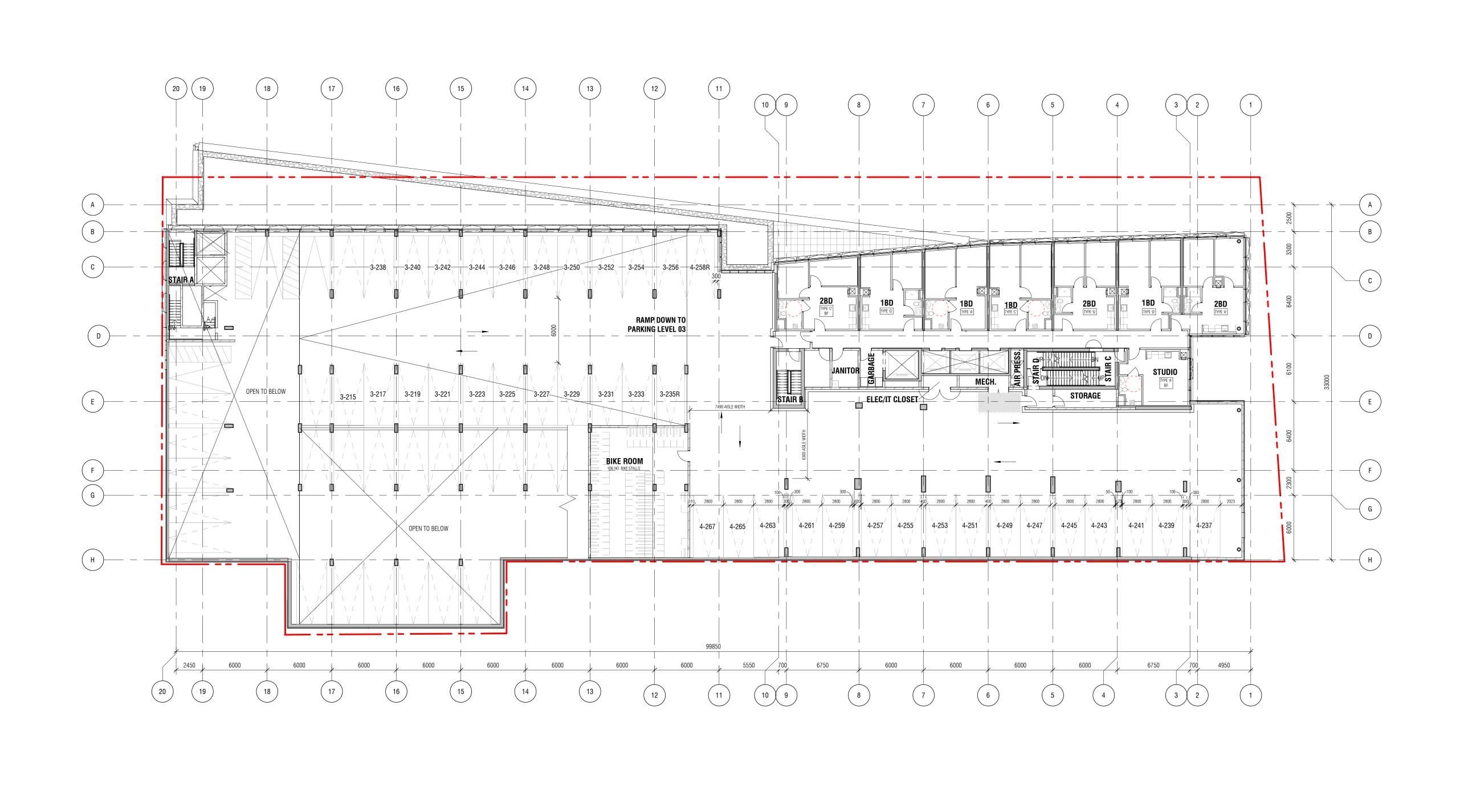
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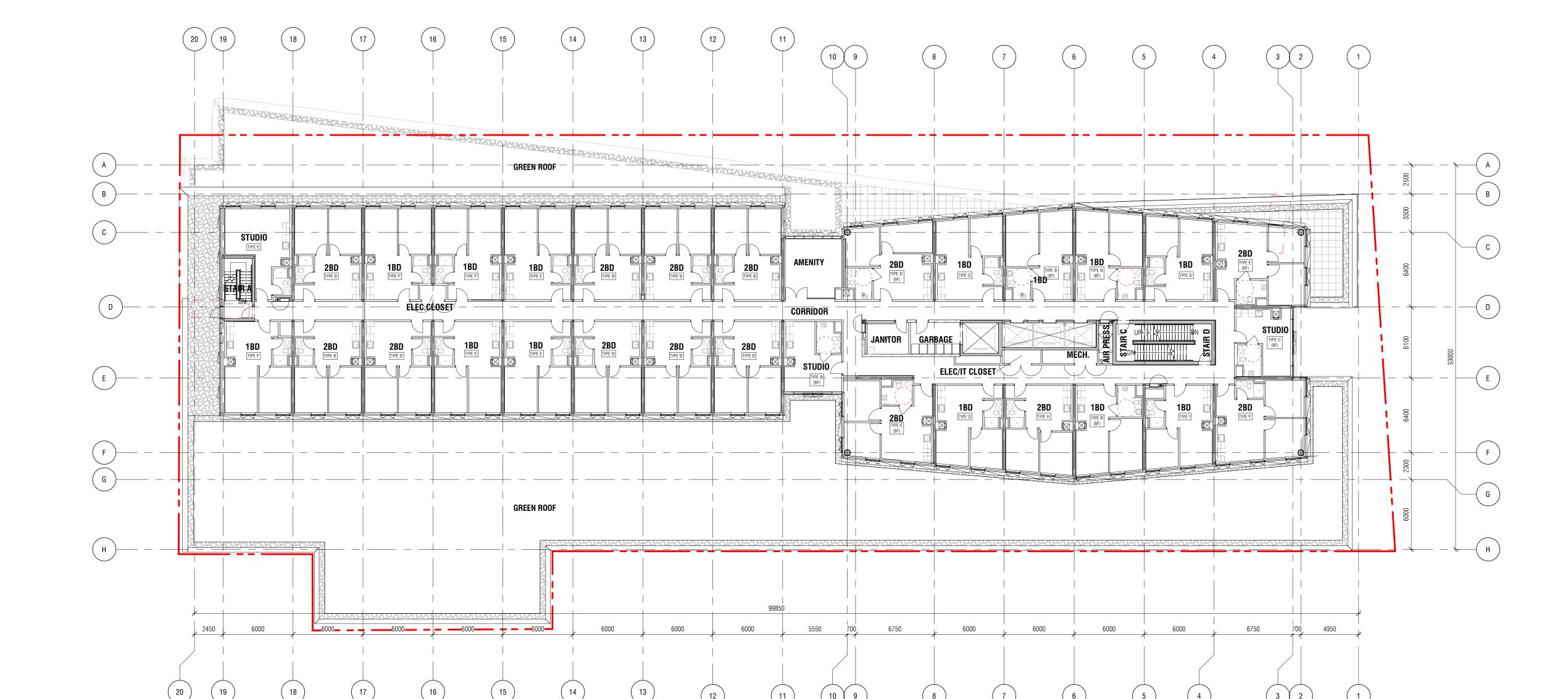
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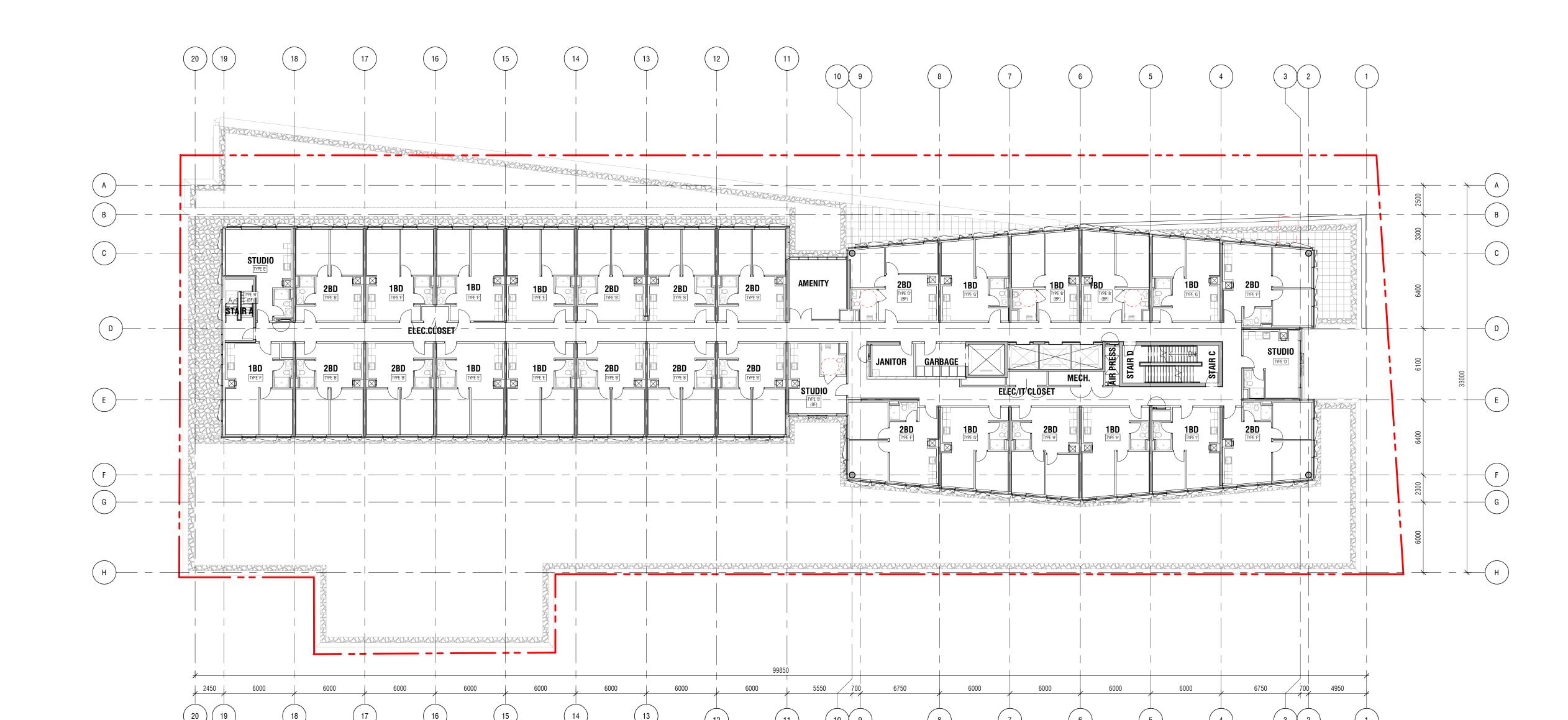
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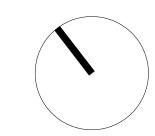


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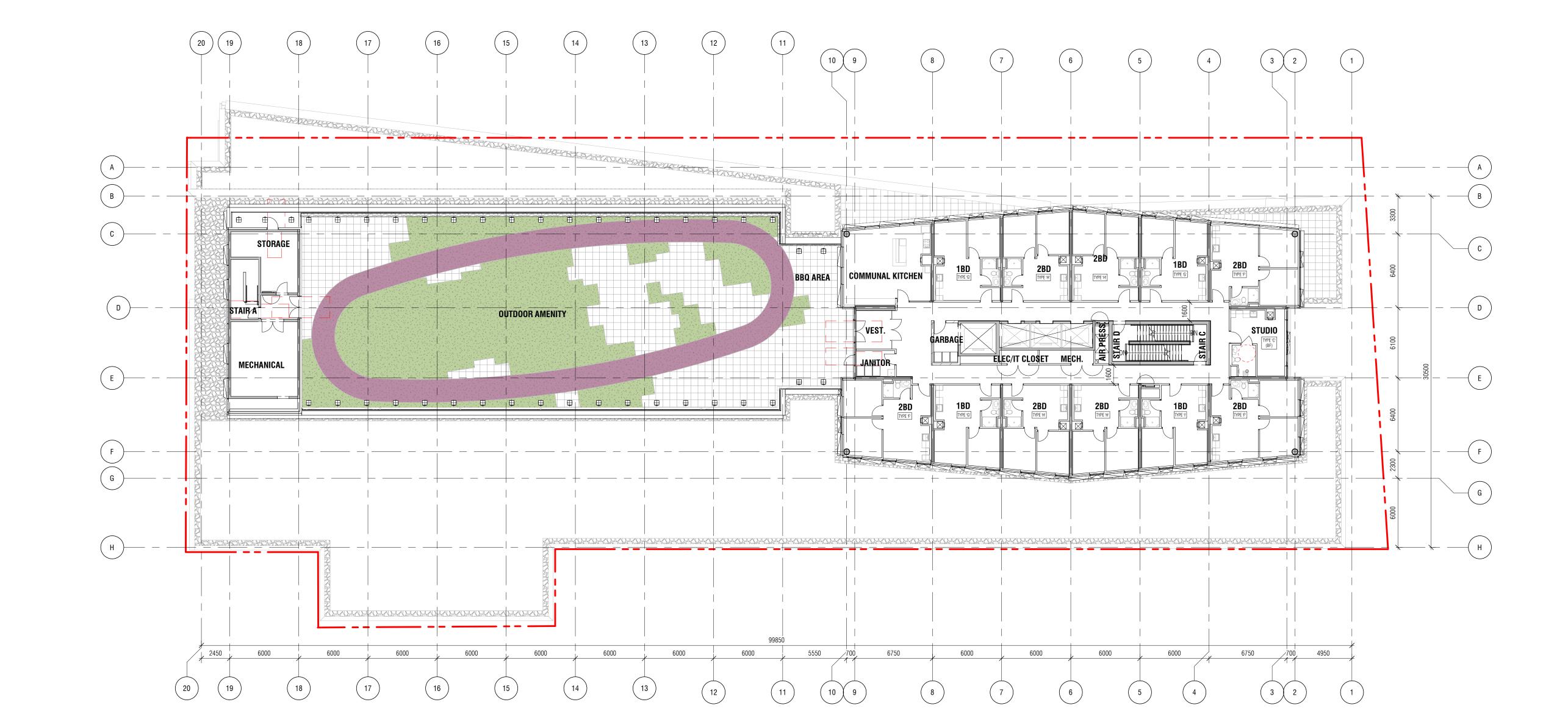
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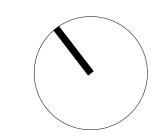
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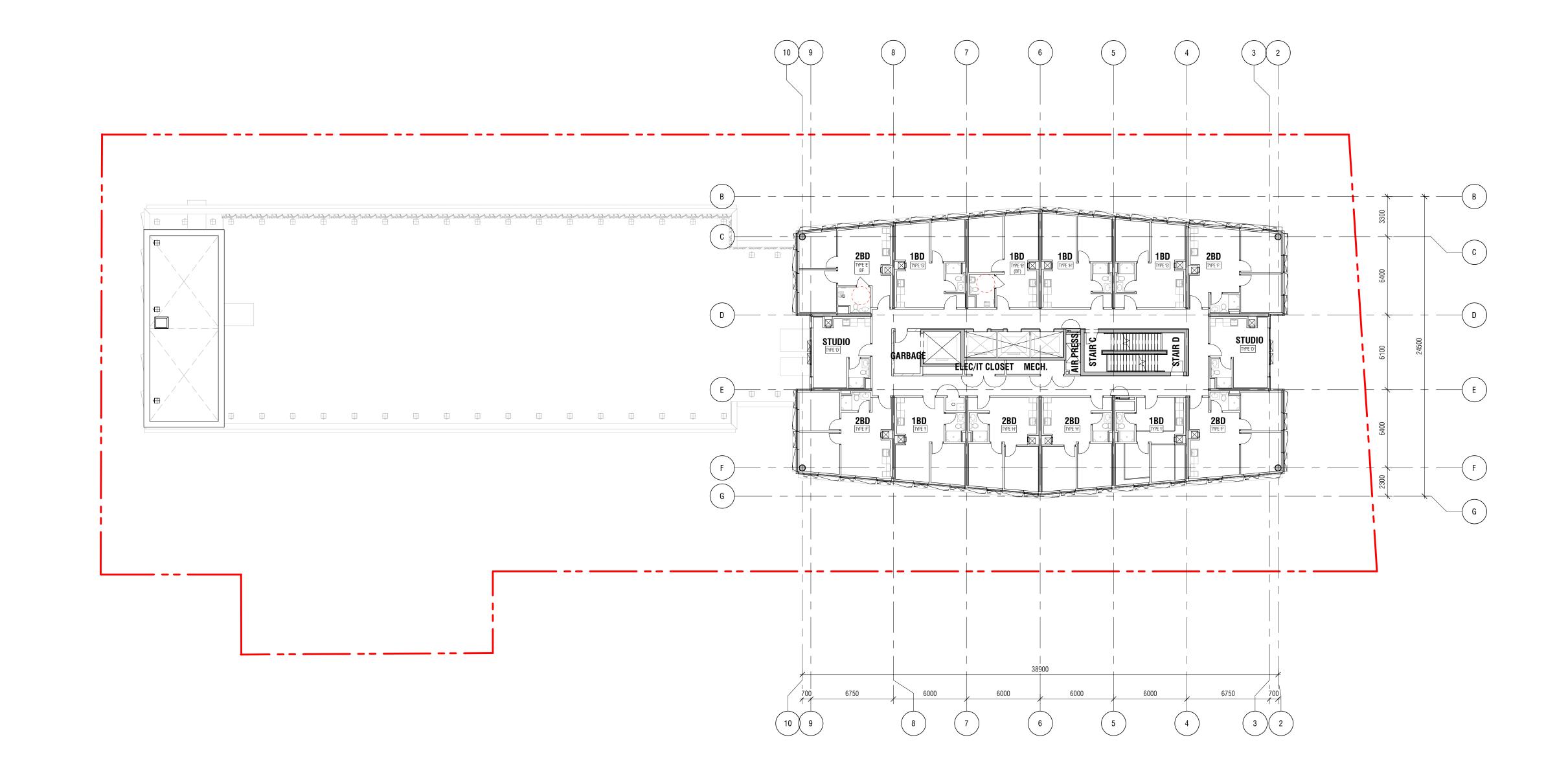


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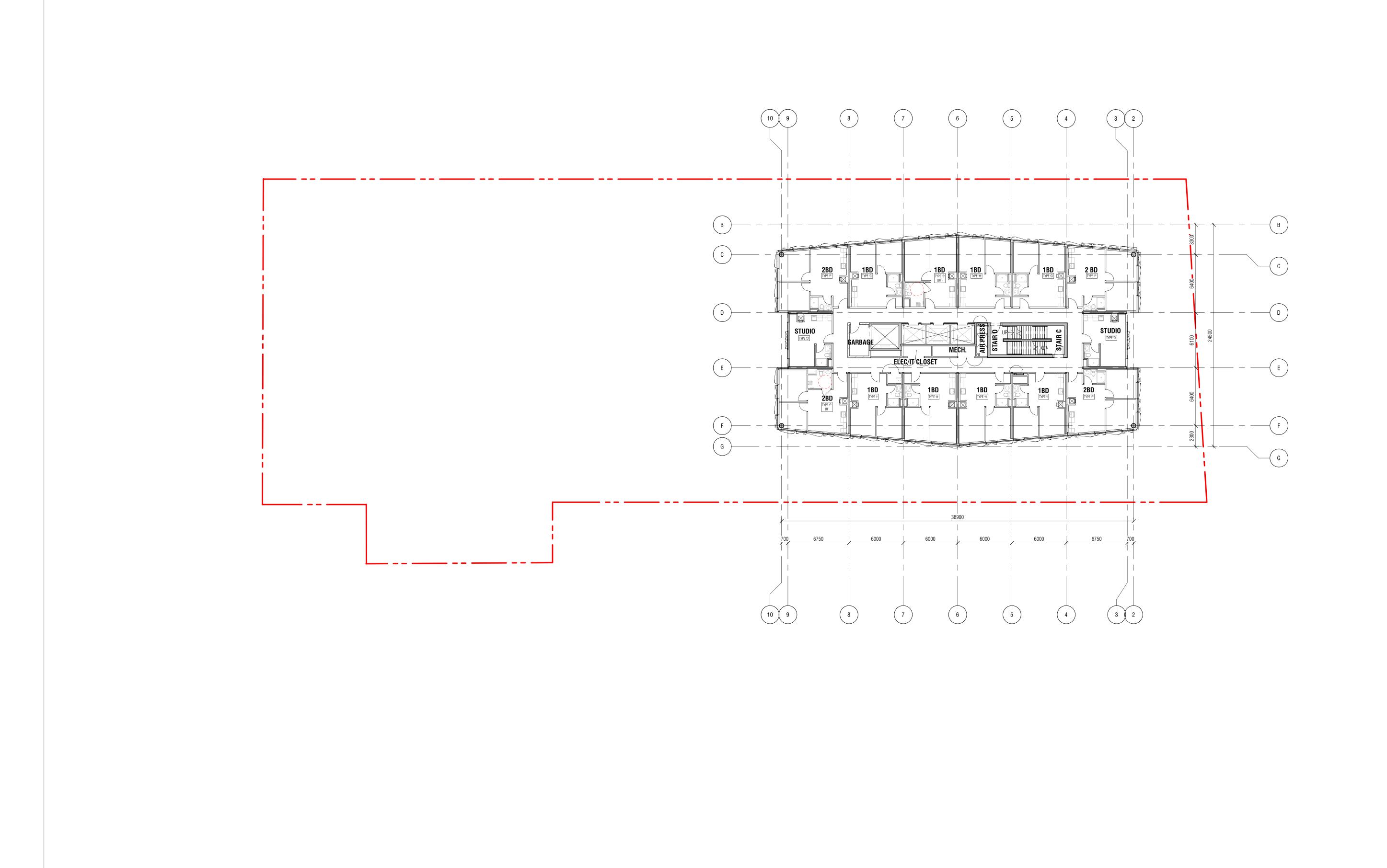
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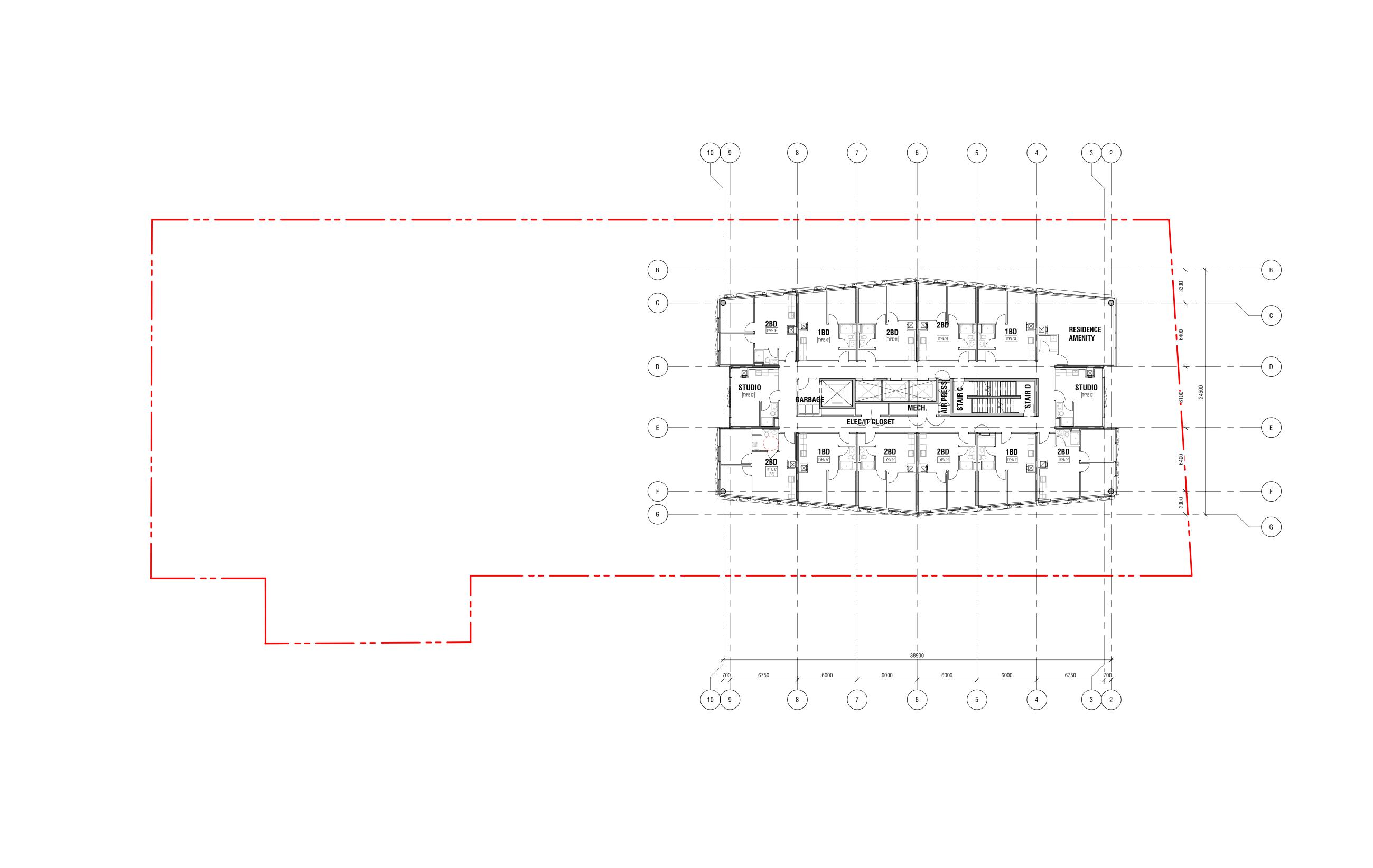
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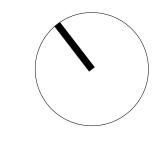
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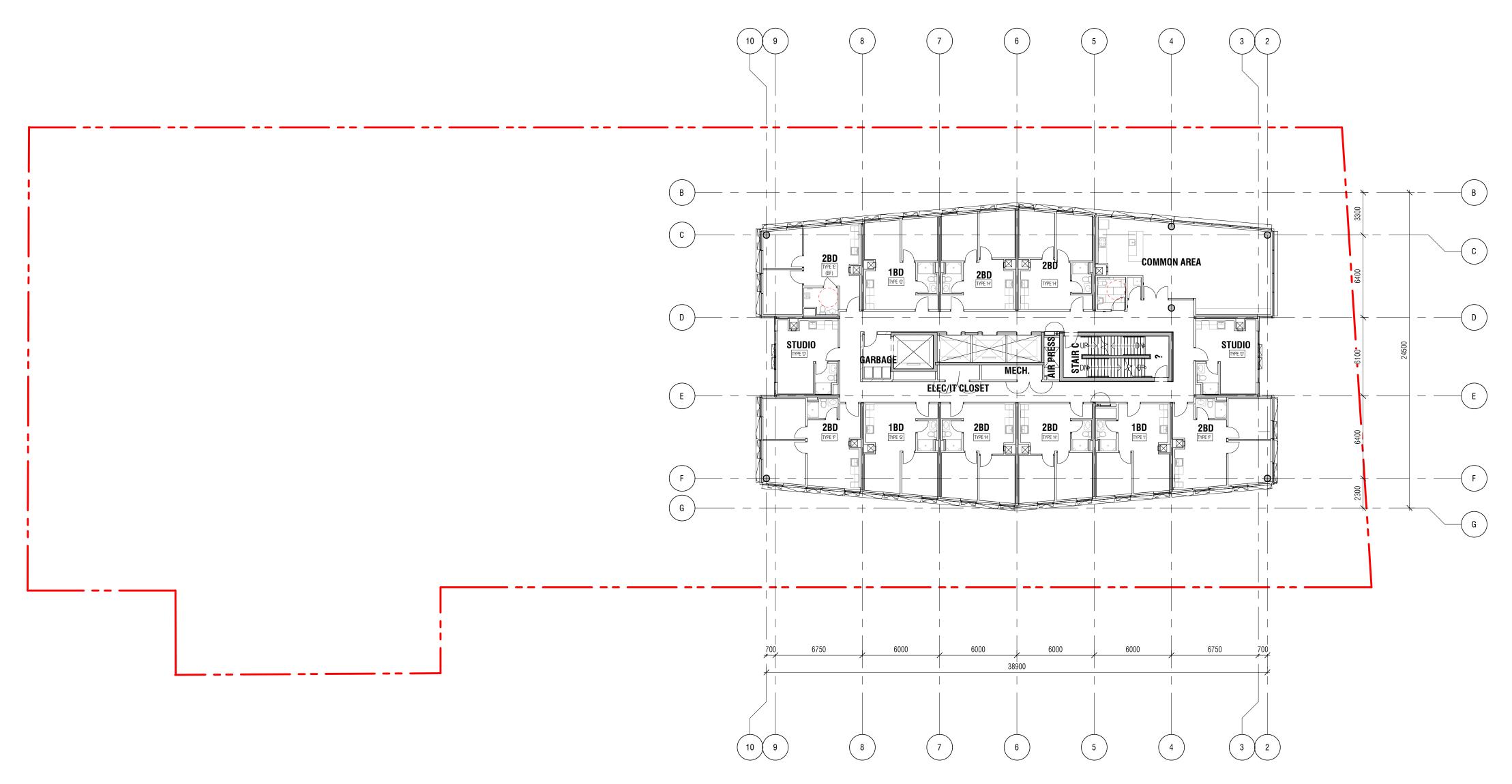
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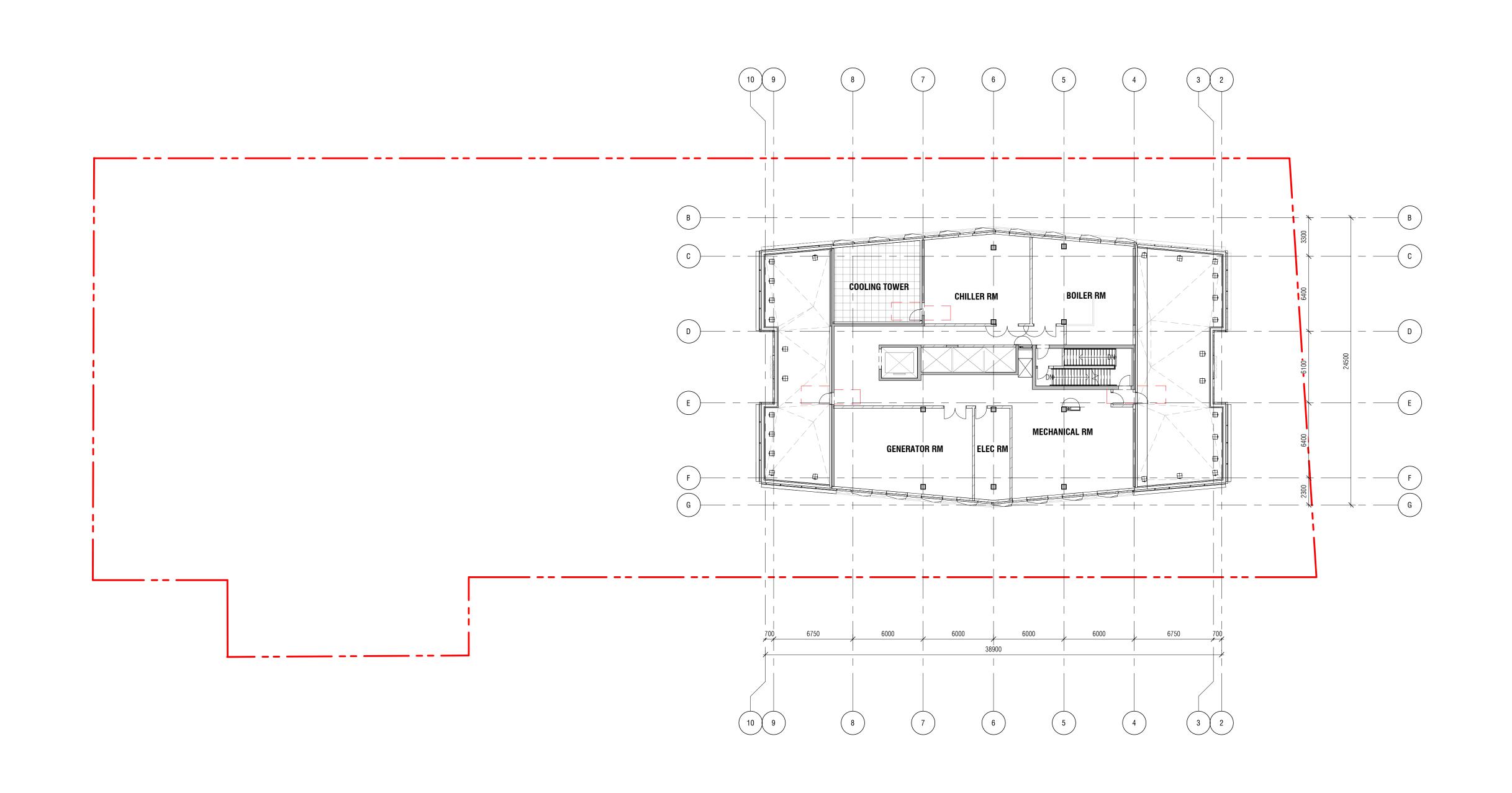
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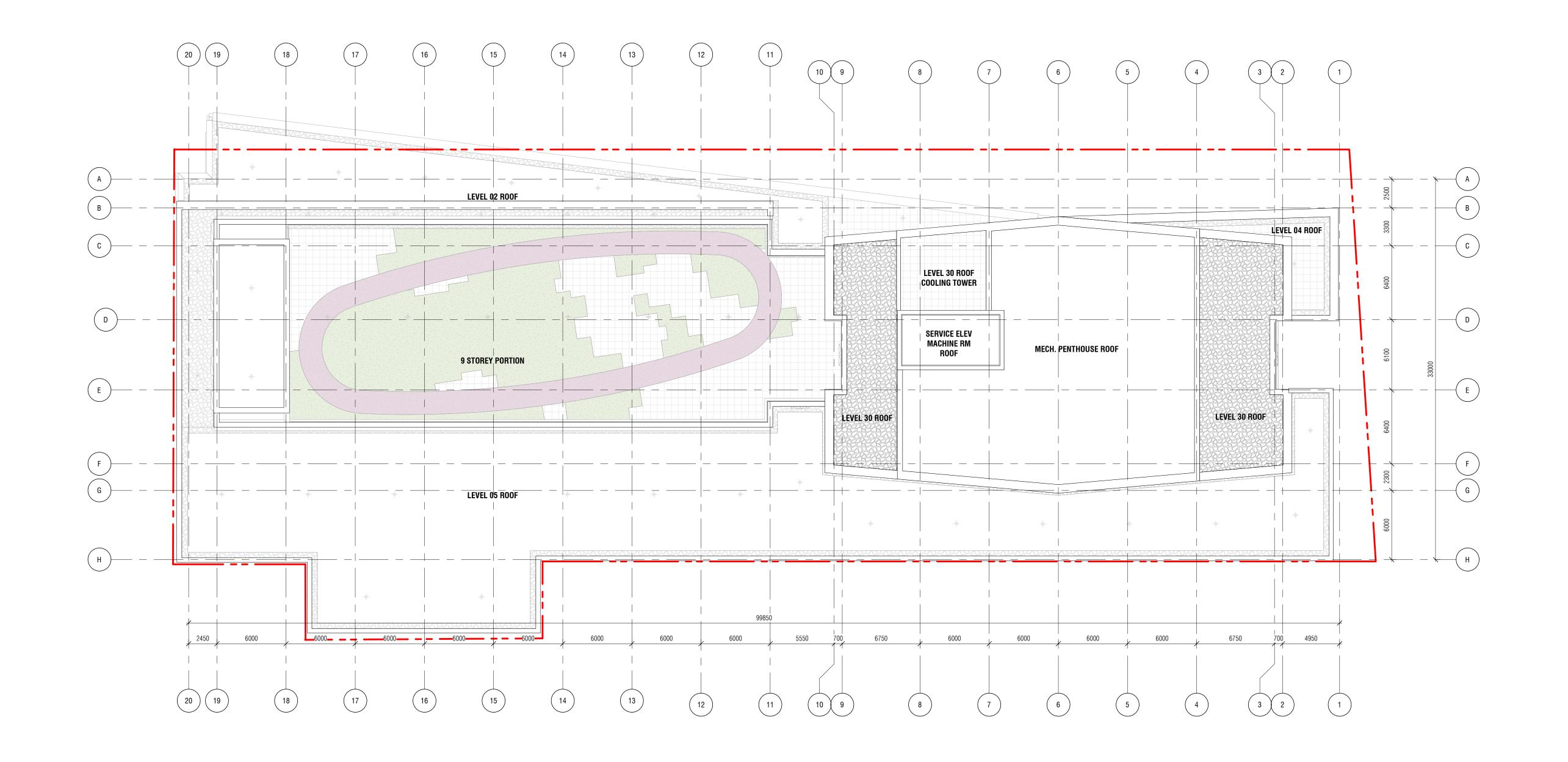
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Committee of Adjustment

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SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE					
	CITY OF HAMILTON COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HAMILTON, ONTARIO				
	The Planning Act				
	Application for Minor Variance or for Permission				
under	dersigned hereby applies to the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Hamilton Section 45 of the <i>Planning Act</i> , R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 for relief, as described in olication, from the Zoning By-law. Leggat Investments Ltd. and Oakland "6" Limited (22 Bay Street South (c/o Mary Lu Deakin) Name of Owner c/o Paul Leggat (191 King Street) Telephone No.				
	FAX NOE-mail address				
2.	Address				
	Postal Code_				
3.	Name of Agent Bousfields Inc. c/o David Falletta_Telephone No				
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Nature and extent of relief applied for:
Please refer to attached planning letter
Why it is not possible to comply with the provisions of the By-law? Please refer to attached planning letter
Legal description of subject lands (registered plan number and lot number or other legal description and where applicable, street and street number):
191 King Street West and 22 Bay Street South
PREVIOUS USE OF PROPERTY
Residential Industrial Commercial
Agricultural Vacant _*
Other Surface parking lot
If Industrial or Commercial, specify use
Has the grading of the subject land been changed by adding earth or other material, i.e. has filling occurred?
Yes No <u>*</u> Unknown
Has a gas station been located on the subject land or adjacent lands at any time?
Yes No * Unknown
Has there been petroleum or other fuel stored on the subject land or adjacent lands?
Yes No * Unknown
Are there or have there ever been underground storage tanks or buried waste on the subject land or adjacent lands?
Yes No <u>*</u> Unknown
Have the lands or adjacent lands ever been used as an agricultural operation where cyanide products may have been used as pesticides and/or sewage sludge was applied to the lands?
Yes No * Unknown
Have the lands or adjacent lands ever been used as a weapon firing range?
Yes No * Unknown
Is the nearest boundary line of the application within 500 metres (1,640 feet) of the fill area of an operational/non-operational landfill or dump?
Yes No <u>*</u> Unknown

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Length of time the existing uses of the su	ibject property have continued:
Municipal services available: (check the	appropriate space or spaces)
Water*	Connected *
Sanitary Sewer*	Connected*
Storm Sewers *	_
Present Official Plan/Secondary Plan pro	visions applying to the land:
Downtown Mixed Use - Pedestrian Focused	d within Downtown Hamilton Secondary P
Present Restricted Area By-law (Zoning I	By-law) provisions applying to the land:
D2 H17, H19, H20 - Downtown Mixed Use	- Pedestrian Focused - 05200
Has the owner previously applied for relie	
Yes	<u>No_</u>
If the answer is yes, describe briefly.	
Is the subject property the subject of a cu 53 of the <i>Planning Act</i> ?	
Yes	<u>No</u>
The applicant shall attach to each copy of dimensions of the subject lands and of all size and type of all buildings and structur where required by the Committee of Adju Ontario Land Surveyor.	I abutting lands and showing the location es on the subject and abutting lands, an
NOTE:` It is required that two copie	s of this application be filed with the



Project No.: 1931

October 29, 2020

Morgan Evans

Committee of Adjustment

City of Hamilton – Planning and Economic Development Department

71 Main Street West, 5th Floor

Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Dear Ms. Evans:

Re: Minor Variance Application

191 King Street West and 22 Bay Street South, Hamilton

OVERVIEW

On behalf of our client, Leggat Investments Ltd., (the "owners") and McMaster University/Knightstone Capital Management Inc. ("applicant") of the properties municipally known as 191 King Street West and 22 Bay Street South (the "subject site"), we are pleased to submit this Minor Variance application in order to facilitate the construction of a 30-storey McMaster University student residential building and the future development of 22 Bay Street South. In support, the following will provide an overview of the background, description of the site and surrounding, the proposed minor variances, and our planning opinion.

BACKGROUND

On April 17, 2020, Site Plan Application DA-20-058 was submitted to the Planning Department in order to facilitate the construction of a 30-storey McMaster University student residence building on the subject site. In addition, McMaster University and Knightstone Capital Management Inc. have conditionally purchased the lands at 22 Bay Street South.

On May 29, 2020, Zoning Staff issued comments related to the initial site plan submission and identified areas of non-compliance with Zoning By-law 05-200 specifically related to building setbacks.



In order to advance Site Plan Application DA-20-058 and secure development rights for 22 Bay Street South, the subject minor variance application has been submitted.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

The subject site is comprised of two parcels, being 191 King Street West and 22 Bay Street South, located on the south side of King Street West, west of Bay Street South and north of George Street in the City's downtown core. The subject site is 'L'-shaped and has a site area of approximately 6,370 square metres (1.57 acres) with frontages of approximately 85.3 metres along Bay Street South and 101 metres along King Street West. The subject site is currently occupied by a commercial surface parking lot.

In terms of surrounding uses, the subject site is surrounded by:

- low rise commercial retail and restaurant uses to the north (along the north side of King Street West);
- high-rise buildings accommodating a commercial mall with office, entertainment and hotel uses to the north-east;
- a surface parking lot with low and high-rise buildings accommodating cultural, entertainment and office uses to the east;
- low and high-rise buildings accommodating hotels, office and institutional uses to the south and south-east;
- a high-rise mixed use building to the south west; and,
- low and mid-rise commercial uses to the west.

Proposal

The proposed development seeks to evolve McMaster's Downtown precinct, which includes the existing McMaster University David Braley Health Sciences Centre, the subject site and the surface parking lot at the south-east corner of King and Bay. The evolution includes the addition of a 30-storey McMaster University graduate student residence building and a future 29-storey McMaster University mixed use building on the subject site (see **Figure 1**). The proposed buildings will reimagine this surface parking lot with two architecturally significant buildings that will frame and animate the King Street West and Bay Street South public realms and add enhance the City's changing skyline with two new slender towers (see **Figures 2 and 3**).



The McMaster University Graduate student residence building, includes:

- Gross Floor Area 38, 655.8 square metres
- Building Height 88.73 m
- Number of Storeys 30
- Total Number of Units 453
- Vehicle Parking 263 stalls
- Bicycle Parking 256 spaces

The future McMaster University Mixed-Use building has not yet been programmed but has been designed to provide a built form that enhances the public realm and meets the general intent of the recently approved Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan (the "Secondary Plan") and zoning.

REQUESTED MINOR VARIANCES

A Minor Variance application is needed to facilitate the development of the 30-storey McMaster University graduate student resident building (as filed in Site Plan Application DA-20-058) and to protect for the future development of 22 Bay Street South. The variances being sought in support of the proposal are as follows:

Variance 1 – Consolidated Lot Development Section 3, definition of "Lot", and regulation 4.16 a) of Zoning By-law 05-200

Notwithstanding the definition of "Lot" in Section 3 and the consolidated lot regulation in 4.16 a), the lands located at 191 King Street West and 22 Bay Street South will be deemed a *lot* and the internal lot lines shall not be construed to be lot lines for the purposes of any zoning regulations provided that all applicable regulations of By-law 05-200 to the consolidated lot development and its external lot lines are complied with.

Variance 2 – Setback from Bay Street South Regulation 6.2.3 a) i) of Zoning By-law 05-200, as amended

That a 9.1 metre building setback from a street line be permitted, whereas the Bylaw requires that a building setback from a street line be a maximum of 2.0 metres for any portion of building below 11.0 metres in height, except where a visibility triangle shall be provided for a driveway access.



Variance 3 – Location of Entrance Regulation 6.2.3 c) vi) 1 of Zoning By-law 05-200, as amended

That no principle entrance shall be provided within the ground floor building façade setback the least distance from a street, whereas a minimum of one principle entrance shall be provided within the ground floor building façade setback the least distance from a street is required.

Variance 4 – Tower Setback Regulation 6.0 c) iii) 2 of Zoning By-law 05-200, as amended

That a 9.0 metre setback from the side yard lot line be permitted for the south tower along the side yard abutting 10 George Street, whereas the By-law requires for any portion of building exceeding 44.0 metres in height be a minimum of 12.5 metres from all side and rear lot lines.

Variance 5 – Tower Separation Distance Regulation 6.0 d) of Zoning By-law 05-200, as amended

That a 20.0 metre tower separation distance be provided between the towers on the subject site, whereas the By-law requires for any portion of building exceeding 44.0 metres in height a distance of 25.0 metres shall be provided between exterior walls on the same property.

Variance 6 – Floor Heights Regulation 6.0 e) iii) of Zoning By-law 05-200, as amended

That a 3.575 metre ground floor storey height and a 2.8 metre 3rd storey height be permitted, whereas the ground floor storey shall be no less than 3.6 metres in height and no greater than 4.5 metres in height and that the second and third storeys shall each be no less than 3.0 metres in height and no greater than 4.0 metres in height.



Variance 7 – Parking Design Standards Regulation 5.2 b) iii) of Zoning By-law 05-200, as amended

That where a column is located abutting or within any parking space within an above ground or underground parking structure, the minimum clearance shall be 50mm, whereas the By-law requires that where a wall, column, or any other obstruction is located abutting or within any parking space within an above ground or underground parking structure, the minimum width of a parking space shall be increased by 0.3 metres.

PLANNING ANALYSIS

Section 45(1) of the *Planning Act* authorizes the Committee of Adjustment the authority to grant a minor variance from the provisions of the by-law, in respect of the land, building or structure, or the use thereof, if, in its opinion, it meets the following four tests:

1. Maintaining the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan

The subject site is designated *Downtown Mixed-Use Area* within the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (the "UHOP"), Schedule E-1 and designated *Downtown Mixed Use* and identified as *Pedestrian Focused* within the Secondary Plan on Map B.6.1-1. As the proposal seeks to develop the subject site for a use that is permitted by the UHOP and Secondary Plan and in a tall building development form that conforms to the built form and urban design policies of the secondary plan, it is our opinion that the proposal maintains the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

2. Maintaining the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law

Variance 1

The purpose and intent of the Zoning By-law is to define a "Lot" in order to determine how the regulations apply to individual lands and ensure the orderly development of each lot so as to not impact the development potential of abutting lands.

In this regard, the proposed variance is intended to allow for a consolidated development of two parcels, which McMaster University is proposing to develop



comprehensively as part of their Downtown campus. In our opinion, the proposed variance will allow for a consolidated development proposal that will ensure the orderly development of the subject site's block, which maintains the general intent and purpose of the zoning by-law.

Variance 2

The applicable zoning for the subject site requires a maximum building setback from a street line of 2.0 metres for any portion of building below 11.0 metres in height, except where a visibility triangle shall be provided for a driveway access, whereas the applicant is proposing a building setback of 9.1 metres from a portion of the ground floor of the proposed McMaster Graduate Student residence along Bay Street South. The general intent and purpose of this zoning provision is to provide a consistent urban pedestrian focused streetscape with buildings pulled to the street line.

It is our opinion that the proposed 9.1 metre setback meets the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law as it will still provide an urban pedestrian focused streetscape that is consistent with the surrounding area and will allow for adequate pedestrian landscape features.

Variance 3

The applicable zoning for the subject site requires at least one principle entrance shall be provided within the ground floor building façade setback the least distance from a street, whereas the proposal does not provide a principle entrance within the ground floor setback the least distance from a street. The general intent and purpose of this provision in the By-law is to ensure that an entrance is provided close to the street that is visible and easy to access for the public and users of the building.

The proposal includes a large principal entrance with overhang at the corner of King and Bay Streets, which will allow for an active an animated entry at a key intersection in the Downtown. It is our opinion that the proposed principal entrance at the corner is appropriate and represents good urban design and maintains the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law, since it will be visible and provide easy access to pedestrians and users of the building.



Variance 4

The applicable zoning for the subject site requires that for any portion of building exceeding 44.0 metres in height, a minimum of 12.5 metres setback be provided from all side and rear lot lines, whereas the proposal provides a 9.0 metre setback from the side lot line abutting 10 George Street.

The general intent and purpose of this provision in the Zoning By-law is to provide adequate spatial separation distance between residential towers on site and for adjacent lands in order to achieve a 25-metre separation distance between tower portions of buildings, to allow for orderly development, to provide for space for transition, light, view and privacy.

Based on our review and analysis of the subject site's block (see **Figure 1**), which is bounded by King Street West to the north, Bay Street South to the east, George Street to the south and Caroline Street South to the west, which includes an existing 32-storey tower at 22 George Street, it is our opinion that the proposed tower locations are appropriate from a block planning perspective. The reduced setback (from 12.5 metres to 9 metres) does not limit the ability of 10 George Street to develop a tall building, instead other factors such as lot size and feasibility of replacing the existing building will determine the feasibility of redeveloping the lands at 10 George Street. Furthermore, the Owner has had discussions with the Owners of 10 George Street, who are supportive of the proposed minor variance. It is our understanding that they will be providing a letter in support of the subject application and this variance.

In our opinion, the proposed 9 metre setback is appropriate as it relates to the existing 4-storey office building, whose side façade interfaces with the subject site and is built to the lot line and the proposed reduction will not limit it's ability to redevelop in the future. In terms of transition, the proposed reduction of 3.5 metres is, in our opinion, sufficient to provide a transition in built form from the proposed tower to the surrounding buildings in this downtown context. The orientation and location of the existing and proposed towers will result in appropriate space for light, view and privacy. As such, it is our opinion that the proposed minor variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the zoning by-law. Furthermore, the existing holding provision H17 that applies to the subject site requires that all development conform to the Downtown Hamilton Secondary Plan and that a shadow impact study, pedestrian level wind study, and visual impact assessment,



among other items, be submitted. This holding provision will ensure that the policies related to transition, light, view and privacy are achieved.

Variance 5

The Zoning By-law requires for any portion of building exceeding 44.0 metres in height a distance of 25.0 metres shall be provided between exterior walls on the same property, whereas the proposal is for the towers to be separated by 20 metres.

The general intent and purpose of this provision in the Zoning By-law is to provide adequate spatial separation distance between residential towers on site and for adjacent lands in order to provide for space for transition, light, view and privacy. In our opinion, the proposed 20 metre separation distance between towers has been accepted as an appropriate separation distance in high-rise contexts, equal to or greater than a typical road right-of-way and such separation distances are typical in an urban downtown. In our opinion, and based on our analysis, the proposal provides adequate space for light, view and privacy. Furthermore, the proposed McMaster University Graduate Student residence will not include balconies, which can project into the separation distance, further limiting the potential built form impacts. As such, it is our opinion that the proposed minor variance maintains the general intent and purpose of the zoning by-law.

Again, as noted earlier, the existing holding provision H17 that applies to the subject site requires will ensure that the policies related to transition, light, view and privacy are achieved.

Variance 6

The Zoning By-law requires the ground floor storey to be no less than 3.6 metres in height and no greater than 4.5 metres in height and that the second and third storeys shall each be no less than 3.0 metres in height and no greater than 4.0 metres in height, whereas the proposal provides a 3.575 metre ground floor storey in height and a 2.8 metre 3rd storey in height. The general intent and purpose of this provision is to provide adequate floor to ceiling height to accommodate internal servicing and loading and to provide for an active commercial streetscape. It is our opinion the proposed floor heights of 3.6 and 2.8 metres are sufficient and will allow for internal servicing as well as an active commercial streetscape, since these details have been provided through the site plan control process.



Variance 7

The Zoning By-law requires that an additional 0.3 metres be provided for a parking stall width when the stall is located abutting or within any wall, column or any other obstruction, whereas the proposal provides a 50mm additional width for parking stall adjacent to a column. The general intent and purpose of this provision is to ensure adequate space is being provided for vehicles to enter and exit stalls safely as well as to open and close doors with no obstructions. It is our opinion that the additional 50mm wide parking stalls next to columns will still provide sufficient space for vehicles to maneuver in a safe and operable way. Based on discussions with our transportation consultant, who have confirmed that there is sufficient space based on other municipalities in Southern Ontario, it is our opinion that the purpose and intent of the zoning by-law is maintained.

3. Desirable and appropriate for the development of the land

It is our opinion that the variances being requested are desirable and appropriate for the development of the land as it will allow for the subject site to continue the evolution of the McMaster Downtown precinct with uses and a built form that is planned for by the recently approved Secondary Plan.

4. Minor in nature

In our opinion, all the requested variances are minor in both a quantitative and qualitative perspective. Minor can not only be contemplation through a numerical calculation, but also based on an analysis and potential impact the subject site or surrounding area may be exposed to. In our opinion, the minor variances generally relate to built form requirements of the Zoning By-law, which are prescriptive and do not take into account the subject site's specific characteristics, including the surrounding context. The proposed variances are minor in nature and seek to slightly modify the Zoning By-law requirements to implement the City's vision, as described in the Secondary Plan. Accordingly, it is our opinion that the proposed variances are minor and should be supported.

Summary Opinion

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that the requested variances satisfy the four-part test set out in the Planning Act and we respectfully respect that the Committee of Adjustment approve the application.



Enclosed are the McMaster University Graduate Site Plan and 22 Bay Street South concept plans for your review.

We trust that the foregoing is satisfactory. However, if you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Joe Buordolone of our office at 905-549-3005.

Yours very truly,

Bousfields Inc.

David Falletta, MCIP, RPP

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Attachments (3)

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